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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Demonterryo Black, 26, Madison, Wisconsin, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz to twelve years in prison for distributing crack cocaine in Madison in November 2004. Black pleaded guilty to this offense on February 18, 2005. In November 2004, Black sold approximately one ounce of crack cocaine to an undercover police officer.

Black's significant sentence is due in part to his status as a career offender. An individual is sentenced as a career offender if their current offense is a drug trafficking offense or crime of violence and they have two prior similar felony offenses. In Black's case, he had a prior conviction for distribution of controlled substances and a prior conviction for a crime of violence. Judge Shabaz noted that the significant sentence is reasonable based on the fact that at the time of his arrest, Black possessed a loaded 9 millimeter pistol and a large amount of crack cocaine. Judge Shabaz noted that in light of Black's lengthy criminal history, it is likely that he will commit future crimes. In addition to the twelve-year sentence of imprisonment, Black was sentenced to five years of supervised release.

The charges against Demonterryo Black were the result of an investigation

conducted by the Madison Police Department and the United States Drug Enforcement Administration. Prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura A. Przybylinski Finn.

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